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Mr. Charles L. A. Terreni
Chief Clerk/Administrator
South Carolina Public Service Commission
Synergy Business Park, The Saluda Building
101 Executive Center Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

**Re: Application of Palmetto Utility Protection Services, Incorporated
Requesting that the 811 Abbreviated Dialing Code Be Implemented
in South Carolina
Docket No. 2005-390-C**

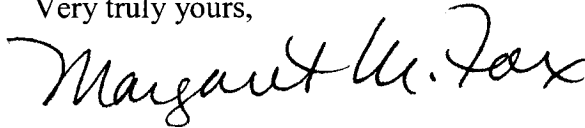
Dear Mr. Terreni:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of the South Carolina Telephone Coalition, please find an original and (10) copies of a Petition to Intervene in the above-referenced matter. By copy of this letter and Certificate of Service, all parties of record are being served with a copy of the Petition by U. S. Mail.

Please clock in a copy of this filing and return it to us by our courier.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,



Margaret M. Fox

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Enclosures

cc: Parties of Record

Docket No. 2005-390-C

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

COLUMBIA 847470v1

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

Docket No. 2005-390-C

IN RE:	Application of Palmetto Utility Protection Services,)	
	Incorporated Requesting that the 811 Abbreviated)	
	Dialing Code Be Implemented in South Carolina)	PETITION TO
)	INTERVENE

The South Carolina Telephone Coalition ("SCTC") respectfully submits the within Petition to Intervene in the above-referenced docket. In support of its Petition, SCTC would respectfully show unto this honorable Commission:

1. SCTC is a coalition of incumbent local exchange telephone companies organized and doing business under the laws of the State of South Carolina. SCTC's members are telephone companies or telephone cooperatives subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission. A list of companies on whose behalf the SCTC is intervening in this matter is attached hereto as "Exhibit A."

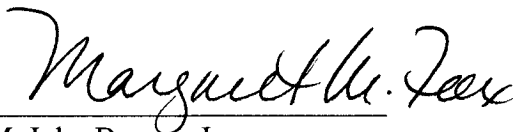
2. SCTC seeks to intervene in this proceeding with full rights to participate as a party of record in so far as its interests might appear.

3. SCTC member companies are incumbent local exchange carriers who serve as carriers of last resort in their respective service areas. As such, SCTC member companies will be directly impacted by the implementation of the request, if granted. SCTC, therefore, has a direct and substantial interest in this proceeding and will be affected by its outcome. While SCTC has not fully developed a position on the request at this time, SCTC's position is that its participation in this proceeding will aid the Commission in a full and fair consideration and resolution of the request.

4. Correspondence and communications to SCTC with respect to this proceeding should be directed to the undersigned counsel.

WHEREFORE, the South Carolina Telephone Coalition respectfully requests that this honorable Commission permit its intervention in this proceeding as its interests might appear.

Respectfully submitted,

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South Carolina Telephone Coalition Member Companies

Bluffton Telephone Company, Inc.

Chesnee Telephone Company

Chester Telephone Company

Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Ft. Mill Telephone Company, d/b/a Comporium Communications

Hargray Telephone Company, Inc.

Home Telephone Company, Inc.

Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Lancaster Telephone Company, d/b/a Comporium Communications

Lockhart Telephone Company

McClellanville Telephone Company

Norway Telephone Company

Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

PBT Telecom

Ridgeway Telephone Company

Rock Hill Telephone Company, d/b/a Comporium Communications

Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

St. Stephen Telephone Company

West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Williston Telephone Company